

Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee - September 30, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Mitchell. Supervisor Cummings led the committee with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair William Mitchell, County Board Supervisors Kathleen Cummings, Mareth Kipp, David Swan; **Absent:** Keith Harenda, Carl Seitz, Jean Tortomasi

Staff Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Legis. Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

Also Present: Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Coordinator Shelly Cyrulik, Clerk of Courts Carolyn Evenson, Chief Judge Kathryn Foster, Communications Center Manager Richard Tuma, Sheriff Deputy Inspector Steve Marks, Lieutenant Chuck Wood, Senior Financial Analysts Mike Baniel and Andy Thelke

Public Present: Diane Cummings (sister-in-law of Supervisor Cummings)

Approve Minutes of September 9, 2005

Motion: Kipp moved, second by Swan, to approve the minutes of 9/09/05. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**

Correspondence

1. Letter from City of Muskego Chief of Police John Johnson to Interim County Executive Tom Hefty regarding the performance of the Waukesha County Communications Center.
2. Letter from New Berlin Chief of Police Gary Blunt regarding New Berlin's displeasure with the Waukesha County Communications Center.

Report by Chair Mitchell of the Executive Committee Meetings of September 12 & 15, 2005

Mitchell reported that at the last two meetings, the Five Year Capital Projects Plan was reviewed. He said regarding the Judiciary Committee's request to move up \$8,000 for budget and concept to the year 2007 for capital project #10 – Medical Examiner Expansion (200616), the Executive Committee did not agree to move it up one year.

Reports by Committee Member Liaisons

1. Cummings said that there was a LEPC meeting at the WCA Convention in September.
2. Swan said there's going to be a drill at the Airport this weekend that someone might be interested in attending. It starts at about 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.
3. Mitchell said on October 15 there would be a daylong presentation called DS2 (Drink Safe, Drive Sober; the Decision is Yours) for interested middle and high school students. It will dramatize the consequences of underage drinking and drunken driving and will feature a staged drunken-driving crash. Mitchell and his son Will are planning to attend.

Future Agenda Items by Committee Members

Cummings said she would like a discussion on resource officers in the schools.

Future Meeting Dates

Meetings in October are scheduled for the 7th, 14th, and 28th. Mitchell said October 7 would be an all day meeting.

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 160-O-055 Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) to Accept the Federal Department of Justice Fiscal Year 2005 Drug Court Discretionary Grant

Cyrulik, Evenson and Foster were present. They explained the ordinance, which authorizes the CJCC to accept a \$450,000 Drug Court Grant from the Federal Department of Justice for the purpose of developing a substance abuse treatment court focusing on third-time Operating While Intoxicated offenders to reduce recidivism. This ordinance also modifies the 2005 CJCC budget by appropriating a portion of the first year grant funds of \$19,200. Subsequent years' (2006 – 2008) grant appropriations will be made through the county's annual budget request process. The grant's total required local match requirement is 25% of total program costs or \$110,700. They also reviewed the drug court expenditures as outlined in the fiscal note of the ordinance.

Cyrulik said the grant is for three years beginning July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008. They would like to hire two staff for the treatment court (coordinator and case manager) so an RFP will be processed. Foster said there is a two-page summary of the flow (program description with the 4 phases), which she will get to the committee. Foster said increasing the length of the revocation for drunk driving obviously hasn't deterred recidivism. The penalty hasn't reduced the problem but the new program will address this issue. Kipp asked where is the space (office) for the two staff? Foster said they wouldn't be doing much work in the building. They will be out driving to locations and talking to treatment providers, going to homes, going around to where AA meetings are being held, going to places of employment, etc. Foster added that there still is the fast-track program, and there still is WCS involvement. Kipp asked is there a designated day? Foster said it probably would be on a Thursday afternoon with a staffing component first and then the open court session.

Motion: Kipp moved, second by Cummings, to approve Ordinance 160-O-055. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**

Update on Communications Center

Tuma was present. Mitchell referred to the letter from the City of Muskego (listed under Correspondence). Tuma said he had not seen the letter. Mitchell said he'd like an overview of response times, protocol and what action is in place. After reviewing the Muskego letter, Tuma said they never asked anything about the call. He doesn't know where they got their information. Tuma went on to explain some of the frustrating issues. He stated that a number of the things going on with the controversy stems from the policies that were developed by the agencies they dispatch for, such as specific questions the agencies want answers to in order to determine the level of response (# and kinds of units to be dispatched to a particular incident).

Tuma said referring to the recent storm, they didn't change anything with the network so what happened would have happened whether it was a combined dispatch center or not. The network also has automatic choke lines from a central office in a community; therefore, only so many people can dial 9-1-1 at any one time. It doesn't make any difference how many trunks there are at the center because only so many calls can be handled.

Kipp said she lives in a community where there are volunteers and valuable time can be lost which bothers her. She also indicated that there is a PR problem in the current Comm. Center. Tuma went on to discuss some of the issues surrounding the shooting incident at the Sheridan Hotel in Brookfield (spring of 2005), such as how mutual aid should be handled.

Report by Lieutenant Wood on Trip to Russia Regarding Study of Metro Unit

Marks and Wood were present. Wood began with an overview. He stated that he was in Perm, Russia for two weeks and worked with law enforcement on their problems with heroin use. Wood

passed around several mementos from his trip (framed boards with metals and examples of their money, two hats, map of area, framed picture of the President of Russia – Vladimir Putin, and an assortment of photos; i.e., a functioning jail, drug dogs, some of the law enforcement officials). The Perm Police Department supplied Wood with four different interpreters who helped him when he was there. Wood stated one thing that is being worked on in Perm is getting their legislature to allow asset forfeitures which are not in place now.

Wood explained some of the stark contrasts in the country, such as 400 year old farms next to shopping centers like Brookfield Square, the new rich, and the middle class to name a few. He went on to explain the way life is in Perm. He stated that most of the infrastructure has not been improved since the collapse of the Soviet Union. Kipp asked how their courts are. Wood said they are good but the public cannot attend court when it is in session, which includes family members. This is to protect whoever is involved with the court case. Wood stated that the trip was a very rewarding experience. He has a longer presentation that is available to anyone interested.

Legislative Update

Krahn distributed his report (as of 9/30/05) of legislation pertaining to the committee. The items on the report that are bolded show where there has been some activity. Krahn covered the following: AB 82; AB 263; AB 680; SB 21 and SB 132.

Tour of Justice Facility

Due to a lack of a quorum, the tour of the Justice Facility took place after the meeting adjourned. Mitchell, Cummings and Swan went on the tour that was led by Jail Administrator Mike Giese. Lee Esler (County Board Chief of Staff) and Dennis Cerreta (Architectural Services Mgr.) were also in attendance.

Motion to adjourn: Swan moved, second by Cummings, to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m.
Motion carried 4 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mareth K. Kipp
Secretary

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